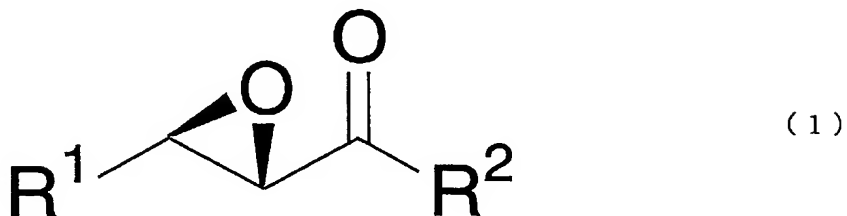


ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An optically active epoxyenone derivative of the following formula (1):



- 5 wherein R¹ is a methyl group, an ethyl group or a C₃₋₁₀ branched, linear or cyclic alkyl group, and R² is a phenyl group, a substituted phenyl group or a tert-butyl group.